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59. (New) A method as set forth in claim 43, wherein the polymeric or pre-polymeric composition comprises a first composition containing the microparticles and a second composition mixed with the first composition, said method further comprising determining a ratio of an amount of the first composition to an amount of a second composition from the magnetic characteristic.

60. (New) A method as set forth in claim 33, further comprising determining the volume or quantity of the polymeric or pre-polymeric composition from the magnetic characteristic.

61. (New) A method as set forth in claim 33, further comprising determining the level of stress in the polymeric or pre-polymeric composition from the magnetic characteristic.

Remarks

The Examiner restricted the invention to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 33, 37-51, drawn to a method of measuring a magnetic characteristic of particles in a polymeric or pre-polymeric composition;

Group II: Claims 52-54, drawn to a method of determining the quantity of compositions containing particles; and

Group III: Claims 43-49, 51, and 55, drawn to a method of determining stress in polymeric or pre-polymeric compositions.

Applicants elect Group I and cancel claims 52-55. New claims 56-61 are added that depend from claims in the elected group. The pending claims are 33, 37-51, and 56-61. All the pending claims are drawn to a method of measuring a magnetic characteristic of particles in a polymeric or pre-polymeric composition.